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PAPERS OF VAWTER J. FEAGLER

OF NORTH VERNON, INDIANA, 1878-1904

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No. 71

North P.
Ind.
Feb 24. 1878.

My Dear Cousin Will
I think of you still:
And at last am seated to write
I should have written long ago
But I am either tired or busy by [illegible]

The weather is warm for this time of year
Which portends a late season I fear.
The nights are scarcely cold enough to freeze
And if it doesnt turn Cold warm soon I am afraid
The trees will all bud out and leave

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Mollie S. our cousin and friend
Has been pretty sick but is now on the
I am glad that I can say this is so
For I was afraid would, nit live till
This time a week or ten days ago.

Will I can think of but very few
Things that would be interesting to write
There is the "British Lion" shaking his
And the Eastern war about decided
In favor of the ultra mountane.

And the great "silver Bill."
Which is a mountain or hill
Just as folks make it you know
Nasby says let's have a "leather curtain"
But I say let the "silver Bill" go.

And the new idea of the great Preacher
The great and notorious H. W. Beecher.
And the cannon Ferrar they cannot tell
How or where to locate or hardly
Whether there is any such place as a hell.

Now all these great events you know
Fully as well as I do. (the scale
So I guess I will come lower down in
And tell you what Jim will need
And bought a new coral a pale.

Here news but no cause of alarm
B.K. and Taylor M.C. rents the old Tiffin
Taylor having given up his intention
While Al and Belle Barnum will live
With Mrs M.C. at the old home

I suppose you heard of Lons and Charley
Tis said they tried to obtain money under false pretence
If this is so tis certainly a very bad step
A great many persons think they
Be likely to take a trip to Goff.

Worth Vernon has lately been a true
Tis the "Bedibonness" and I wish them good luck
Old vernon has flatly set her foot down
Old Egan has made application and they
There shall not a drop be sold in this town

This is the way for temperance folks to do
Just say to such men We'll see you clear through
I am sorry to say that Henry Meyer
Has made application to sell the stuff
That sets mere stomachs on fire.

Candidates are coming up thick as hops in the season
All exceedingly anxious to get a run
Well "let 'em run" and keep to their place
And let us hope that the most honest—
The noblest will win in the race.

Tis about time to close this lyre
But before closing I want to enquire
How long fore you come? How long will you stay?
For the sake of the singing I wish to
Know so there be no delay.

With many respects to your good old self
I'll close by saying I am V. J. F.

P.S. We had a splendid prayer meeting
to night although there were but few out.

WIGWAM OF . . .

Muscatatuck Tribe, No. 99,

IMPROVED ORDER OF RED MEN.

THE REGULAR COUNCIL FIRE WILL BE KINDLED 2D SLEEP OF EACH SEVEN SUNS.

North Vernon, Ind., ... 190

May, 24, 1904

Wigwam of Muscatatuck Tribe #99, I. O. R. M.

Wheras:- It has pleased the Great Spirit in His Infinite wisdom to take from this vale of tears our worty brother member F. W. Feagler and, Wheras, It is just and right that we record our sincere sorrow for the loss sustained by this tribe in his death being called away in his prime of life, therefore be it,

Resolved; That while we bow in humble submission to the Divine will, who does all things for the best, we recognize that this tribe has lost a worthy brother member who was imbued with the spirit of fraternity; the community an up right citizen and his family a kind and affectionate son and brother.

Resolved; That we sympathize and console with the family of our deceased brother member in this, their time of sorrow and affliction and pray that The Great Spirit in His mercy may send them consolation to sustain them in their irreparable loss.

Resolved:- That these resolutions be spread upon our minutes and a copy be sent to the family of the deceased and that our Charter be draped in mourning for the period of thirty days and also that these resolutions be published in the three county newspapers.

Signed, Dan Mc Cauley

Signed, Otto Harms

Signed, E T Barron

CERTIFICATE OF APPOINTMENT.

STATE OF INDIANA,
Jennings COUNTY.

I, Henry Heuchman Auditor of Jennings County, Indiana, do hereby certify that Lawter J. Feagler has been designated and appointed by the American Horsethief Detective Association as a person "who, in the pursuit and arrest of horse-thieves and other offenders against the Criminal laws of the State, shall have all the powers of Constables;" and the Board of Commissioners of said County did on the 15 day of Dec 1897 consent to said appointment, and authorized the Auditor of said County to issue to said Lawter J. Feagler so designated, a Certificate of said Appointment.

WITNESS, My hand and official seal, this 16" day of Dec 1897

H. Heuchman

Auditor of Jennings County.

CHAPTER CIV.

AN ACT to amend Section four of an act entitled "An act to authorize the formation of companies for the detection and apprehension of horse thieves and other felons, and for mutual protection, and repealing all laws inconsistent therewith," approved December 21, 1865, being Section 3431 of the Revised Statutes of 1881.

APPROVED APRIL 13, 1885.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana*, That Section four of the above entitled act be amended to read as follows: Section 4. A majority of the members of such association shall have power to adopt a constitution and by laws for their government, to designate and appoint a presiding officer and such other officers as they may deem proper, who shall hold their offices during the time, and shall perform the duties required of them by such constitution and by-laws, and such presiding officer is hereby authorized and empowered to administer oaths to members of such association in all matters wherein oaths are necessary to be administered by the rules and by-laws of the association, and such association, with the consent of the Board of Commissioners of the county in which such articles are recorded, may designate any members of the association, who, in the pursuit and arrest of horse-thieves and other offenders against the criminal laws of the State, shall have all the powers of constables, and such association shall furnish to the Board of Commissioners a list of the names of members so designated, and if consent is given, the Board shall enter upon its record an order reciting the names of such persons, and that the consent of the Board has been given to such appointments, and the record so made shall authorize and empower the County Auditor to issue to each member so designated a certificate of his appointment.

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